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SO EGGMAN'S
CITY GOT TAKEN
OVER BY THE SAME
IRON KING AND
QUEEN WE
TACKLED AT
MT. STORMTOP?*

YES. DID
YOU HEAR
NOTHING I TOLD
PRINCESS
SALLY?

YOU THOUGHT
I WAS PAYING
ATTENTION?
HA! CUTE!

*BACK IN THE
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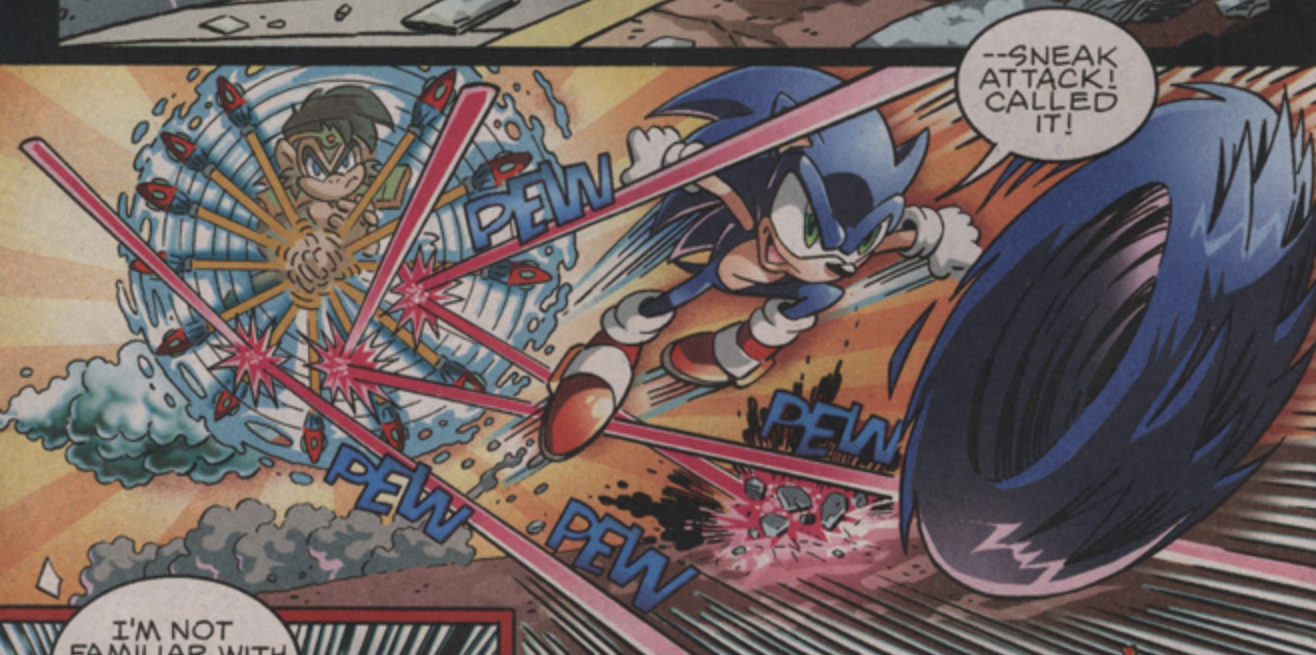
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THEY ALSO
HAVE A BAD
HABIT OF
PICKING THE
LOSING
SIDE.

YOU SAID THE
DOCTOR WAS
DEFEATED.* WHY
DO THEY SIDE
WITH THE IRON
DOMINION NOW?

BECAUSE WE'RE NOT
CONTENT TO PANDER TO
THE GUARDIAN OR HIS
ALLIES! NOW SURRENDER
WHILE YOU HAVE THE
CHANCE!

*YOU DIDN'T
MISS STH #200,
DID YOU?!





YAGYU-MOVE IN!

YAG-WHO?!

YOW! WATCH IT!

ONE PERK OF JOINING THE IRON DOMINION? OUR SMALL NUMBERS JUST GOT DOUBLED.

I DON'T HEAR ANY WISE-CRACKS, HEDGEHOG IS SOMETHING WRONG?

NNGHF!



YO,
M.K.!

THEY'RE NINJAS OF
THE YAGYU CLAN. THEY
USED TO BE SIMPLE
SNEAK-THIEVES
PILLAGING THE
DRAGON
KINGDOM...

WHAT'S
THE STORY
OF THESE
BATS IN THEIR
PAJAMAS?

...UNTIL THE
IRON QUEEN SLEW
THEIR MASTER, THE
BRIDE OF RICH NIGHTS.
NOW THEY'RE HER
PERSONAL
ARMY.

"BRIDE?"

IT'S AN
HONORIFIC
TITLE--I'LL
EXPLAIN
LATER!

NOW IS
NOT A
GOOD TIME.

I JUST
HOPE THE
OTHER
THREE
CLANS
AREN'T
HERE.

THREE
CLANS?
HOO
BOY...





SONIC THE HEDGEHOG! MY **TREMOR MACE** HAS HUGERED FOR THIS DAY!

I OWE YOU MUCH FOR MY HUMILIATION!

NOW I REMEMBER THIS GUY! NIGH-INVULNERABLE, RIGHT? WE HAD TO USE THAT ONE WEAPON... "FAN OF SOMETHING-OR-OTHER"...

FAN OF FEN XING. AND THE YAGYU STOLE IT FOR HIS PERSONAL COLLECTION NOT LONG AGO.



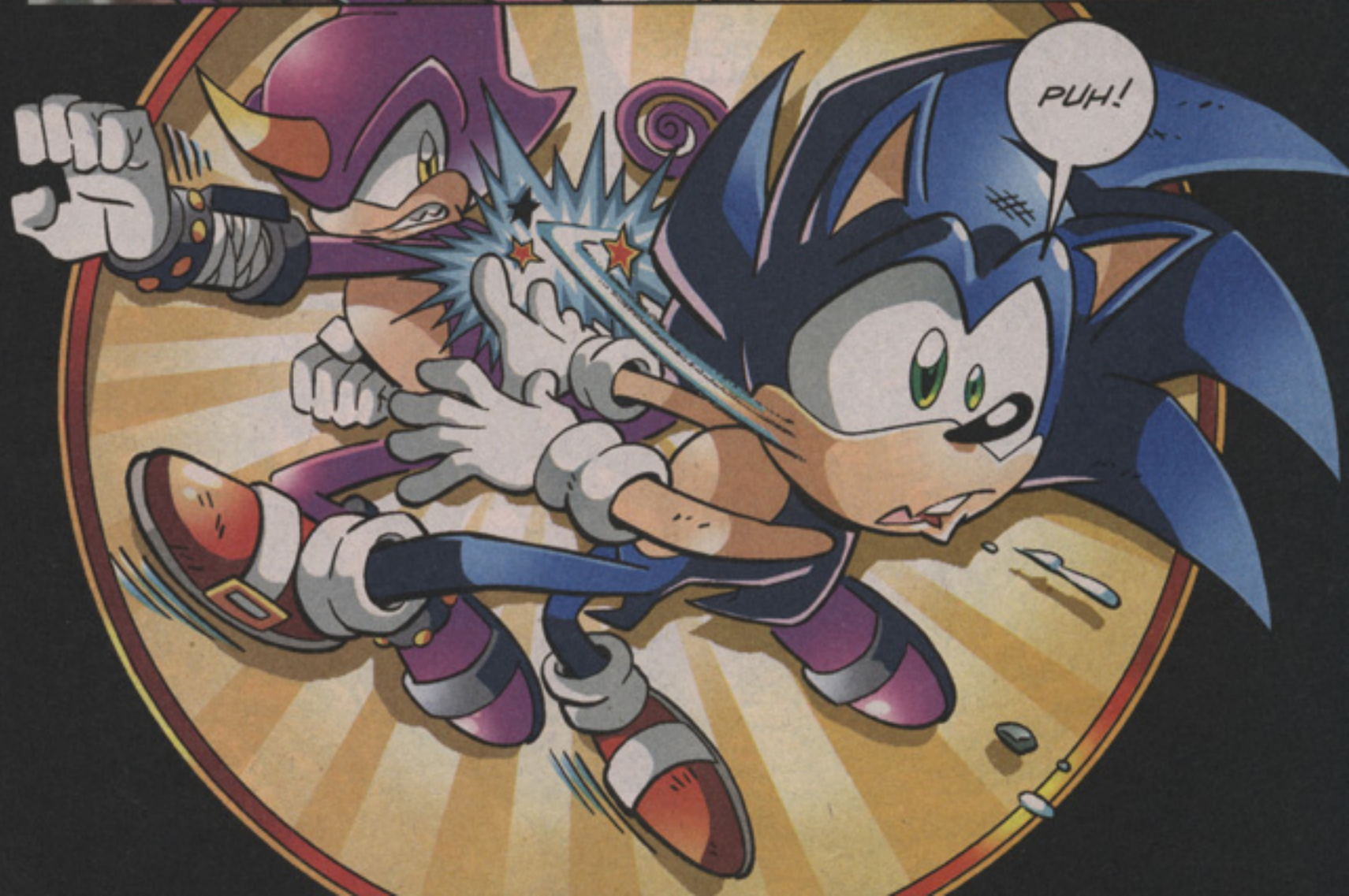
PEACHY. AND IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE SURROUNDED.

SO--WE TAKE OUR CHANCES WITH THE BIG GUY?

COVER ME WHILE I GET MY ATOM-BAT, AND THEN I'LL BE RIGHT BEHIND YOU.

GOT IT.







GRR!
IF HE WAS
ONLY AS
FAST ON THE
UP-TAKE...



SPEAK
FOR YOUR-
SELF, YOUR
"MAJESTY."



YOU'RE
ONE OF THE
RAIJU
CLAN...

...BUT
I DON'T
REMEM-
BER YOU
SPECIFIC-
ALLY.



I AM LIGHTNING LYNX,
SERVANT TO THE BRIDE
OF THE CONQUERING
STORM ON THESE
SHORES...

...AND
WITH
HONOR
RESTORED.

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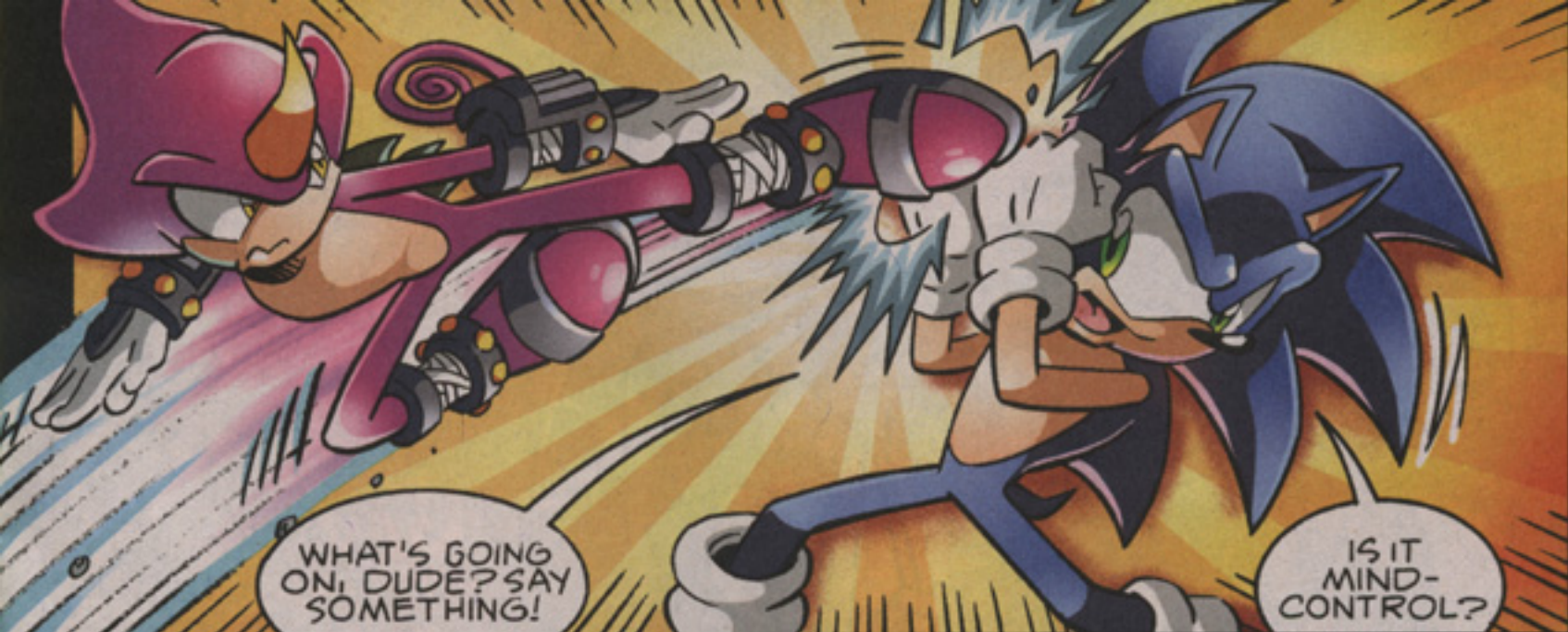
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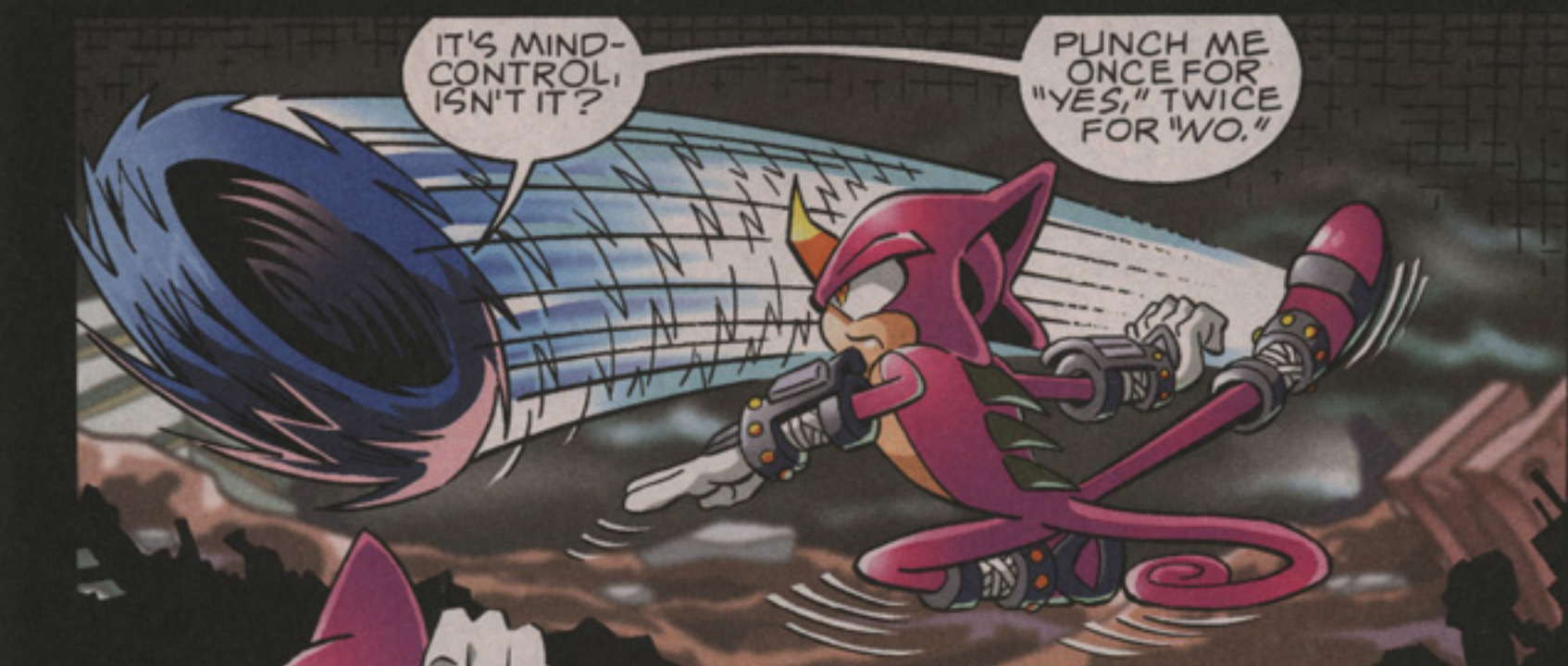
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WHAT'S GOING ON, DUDE? SAY SOMETHING!

IS IT MIND-CONTROL?



IT'S MIND-CONTROL, ISN'T IT?

PUNCH ME ONCE FOR "YES," TWICE FOR "NO."



NNMF!

NO, SEE, THAT WAS A KICK.



SORRY, ES, BUT THIS HAS GOT TO STOP.



GAK!

YOU
THINK
YOU'RE
"LIGHT-
NING"
?

I'LL
SHOW
YOU
LIGHT-
NING!

ZHAKA

AUGH!

PEW!

WHUMP

HAVE YOU
FINISHED
BEATING
THESE
"PUSH-
OVERS,"
HERO?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING
ABOUT? SALLY SAID
THIS WAS A RECON-
ONLY MISSION.

ANY-
THING
TO GET
OUT OF AN
"I TOLD
YOU SO,"
HUH?

YEAH,
PRETTY
MUCH.

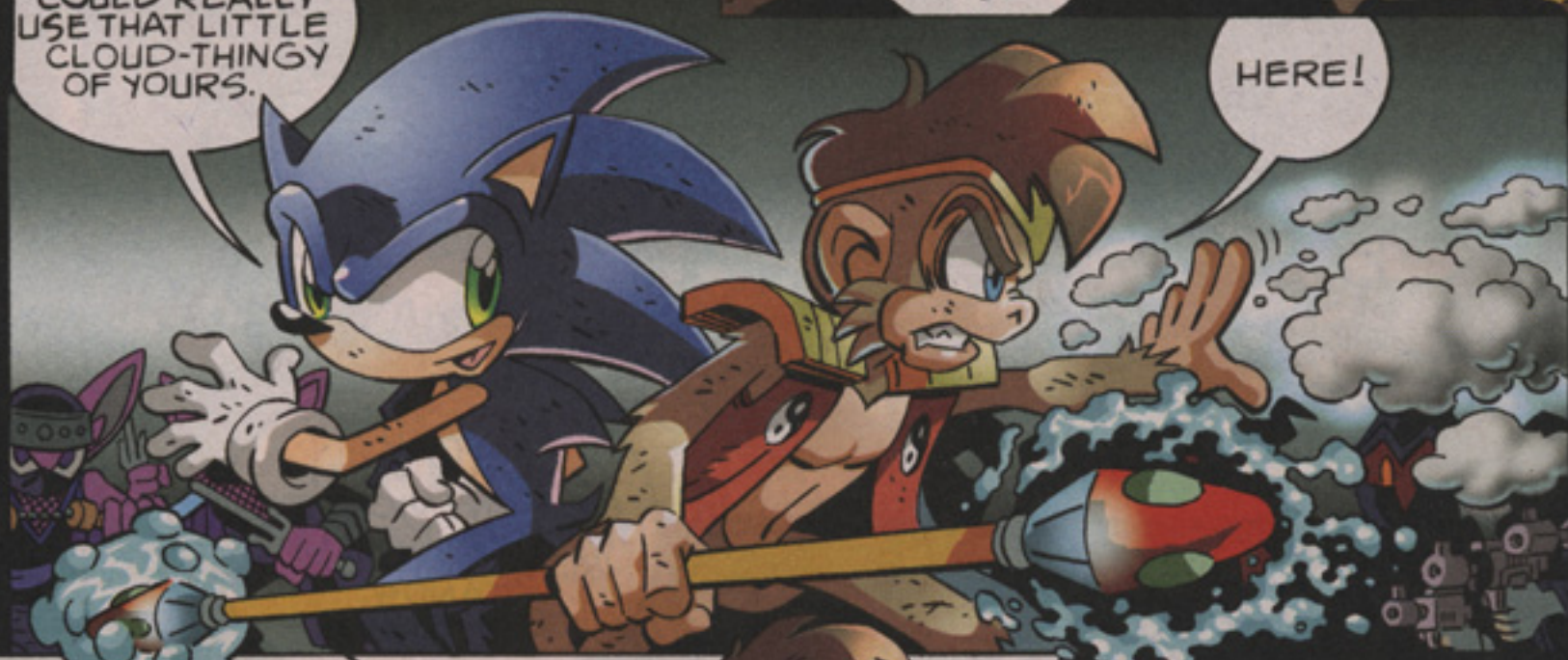


I DUNNO.
WHAT'S
YOUR
DENTAL
PLAN
LIKE?



PITY.
THANKS
FOR THE
OFFER,
KINGY...
BUT WE'LL
PASS.

M.K., WE
COULD REALLY
USE THAT LITTLE
CLOUD-THINGY
OF YOURS.



I'D
SAY OUR
MISSION'S
COMPLETE!
FLY, MAGIC
CLOUD
MONKEY...



...FLY!





LEGION!
SHOOT
THEM
DOWN!

IGNORE
THAT
LAST
ORDER!

HOW
DARE--!?
I MEAN...
WHY?
SIR?

THE
ENEMY IS
WOUNDED.

WE
LET IT
RUN AND
FINISH
ITSELF
OFF.

"LET THEIR CHAMPIONS TELL
OF THEIR UTTER DEFEAT. LET
THE MORALE OF THE ENEMY
CRUMBLE AND HUMILIATION
POISON THE WOULD-BE
HEROES!"



TODAY
WAS THE FIRST
OF MANY VICTORIES
TO COME. TODAY THE
IRON DOMINION
STANDS
TRIUMPHANT!





NEW MOBO-
TROPOLIS--
CASTLE ACORN.

...AND
THEN WE
GOT BACK
AND I
CALLED
YOU
GUYS.

THE IRON
DOMINION MEANS
BUSINESS. THEY'VE
GOT THE DARK EGG
LEGION ON THEIR
SIDE, PLUS A SLEW
OF THOSE YAGYU
NINJAS. LIGHTNING
SEEMS TO HAVE LEFT
THE DESTRUCTIX,
ESPIO'S GONE
ROGUE...

...EGGMAN
MAY BE DONE,
BUT WE'RE
ESSENTIALLY
BACK TO SQUARE
ONE.



YEAH, BUT
IT'S JUST
ONE MORE
IN A LONG
LIST OF
FAILURES
FOR ME.

WHAT
KIND OF
KING HAVE
I TURNED
OUT TO
BE?

**KING
KHAN?**
WHEN DID
THIS HAPPEN?
AND HAVE OUR
VILLAINS
TRULY **WON?**

A LONELY GIRL'S STORY

...A-AND THEN THE MONKEY FLEW OFF, HAULING SONIC ON THE END OF HIS STAFF!

EEF-
HEE-HEE-HEE!
DELIGHTFUL!

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AH...MY
DEAR
REGINA.

WHAT IS
IT, MY LITTLE
SNIVIES?

I
FEEL
BAD.

YOU
KNOW ALL
ABOUT ME
AND WHERE
I CAME
FROM...

...BUT I KNOW
SO VERY LITTLE
ABOUT YOUR
PAST.

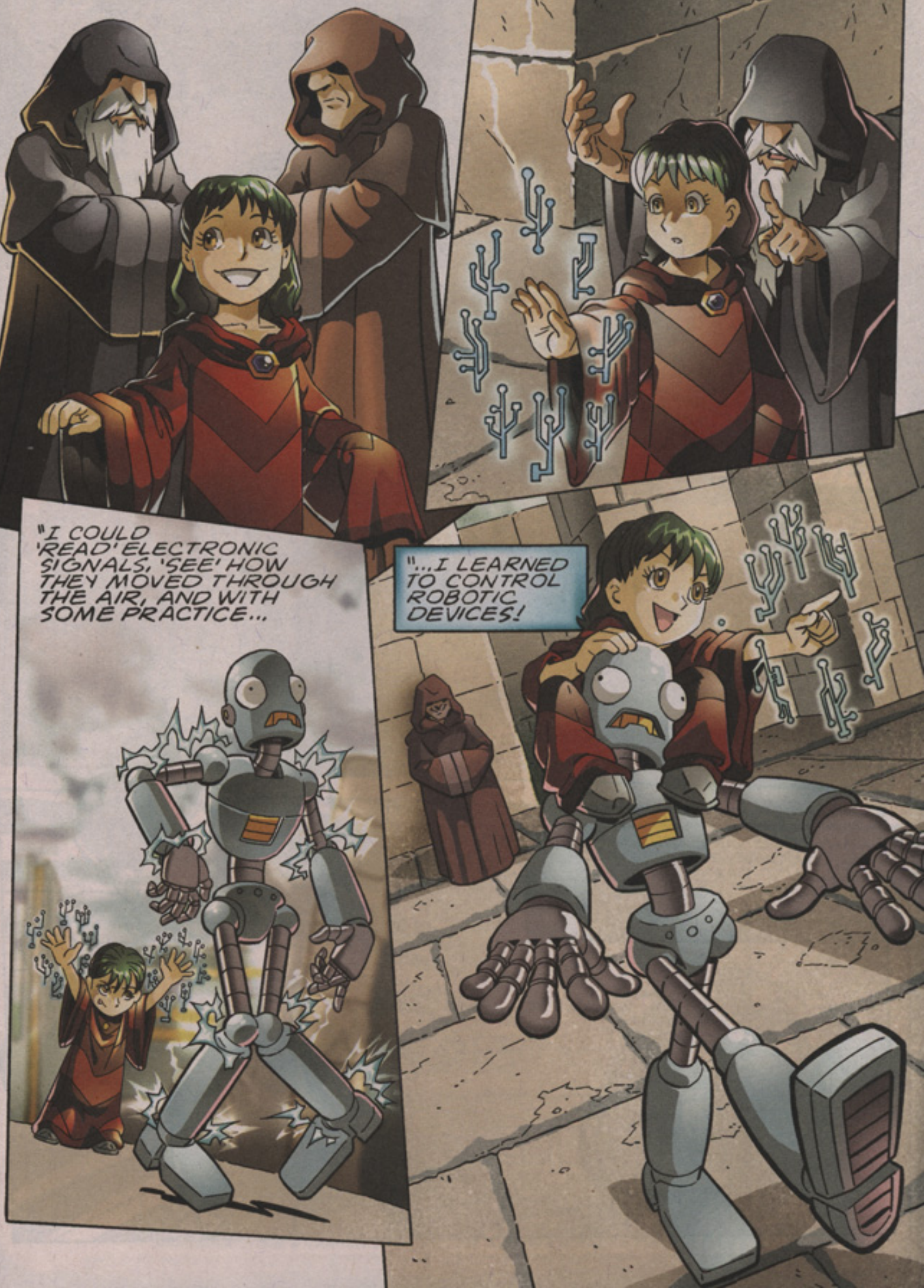
OH, BUT MINE
ISN'T A VERY
HAPPY STORY.
BUT IF YOU
INSIST...

"I WAS BORN INTO A CULT OF
TECHNOMAGES. WE PRACTICED
OUR ARTS IN SECRET IN MEGA-
CENTRAL. THIS WAS WELL
BEFORE THE GREAT WAR,
MIND YOU.

"I WAS TAUGHT HOW TO
CONTROL THE ELECTRICAL
IMPULSES FOUND IN ALL
ACTIVE ELECTRONICS AND
HOW TO SEND THEM OUT
AT WILL.

"I COULD
'READ' ELECTRONIC
SIGNALS, 'SEE' HOW
THEY MOVED THROUGH
THE AIR, AND WITH
SOME PRACTICE...

"...I LEARNED
TO CONTROL
ROBOTIC
DEVICES!



"THE GOOD TIMES DIDN'T LAST, THOUGH. MAGITEK WAS ILLEGAL, AND MY CULT WAS ARRESTED.

"THE HIGH CHANCELLOR AT THE TIME SHOWED ME 'MERCY' DUE TO MY AGE, I WAS ALLOWED TO LIVE...



"...IN EXILE. I DIDN'T KNOW ANY OTHER TECHNO-MAGE CULTS IN THE OTHER OVER-LANDER CITIES...



"...AND THE GREAT WAR WAS JUST BEGINNING, SO I COULDN'T TAKE REFUGE AMONG THE MOBIANS. NOT THAT I WOULD'VE WANTED TO, ANYWAY. UGH.



"WANDERING THE
WORLD, RUNNING
FROM EACH NEW
THREAT, WAS
HARD ON ME..."



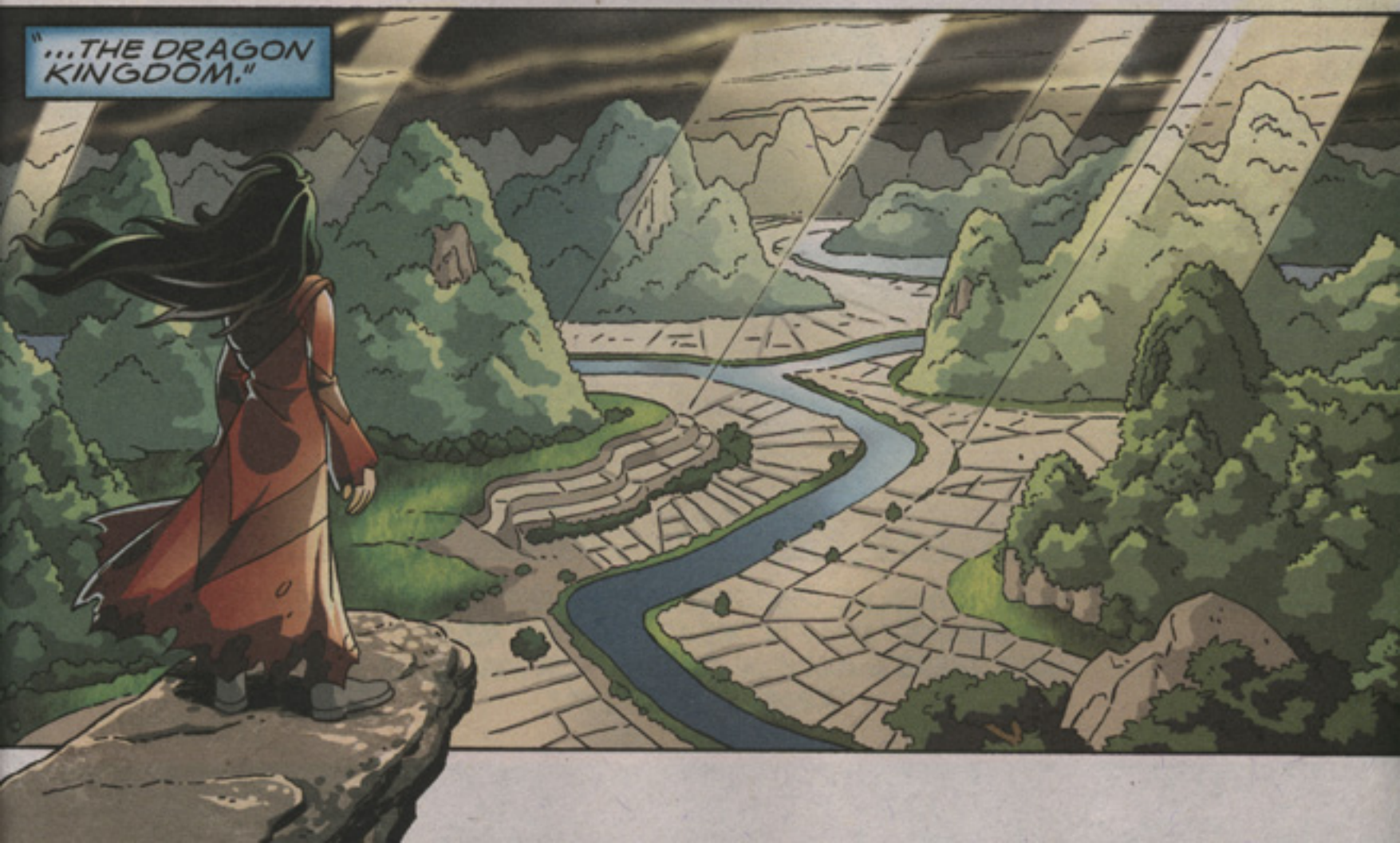
"...BUT I SURVIVED.
I WAS THE LAST OF MY CULT, AND
I WOULD BE SURE THEIR CRAFT
WOULD NOT ONLY SURVIVE, BUT
DOMINATE THIS WRETCHED
LITTLE MUD BALL OF A PLANET."



"I TRAVELED FOR
YEARS, HONING MY
SKILLS, UNTIL I
REACHED WHAT
WOULD BE THE
HEART OF MY
OWN EMPIRE..."



"...THE DRAGON
KINGDOM."





"IT WAS THERE THAT I WOULD MEET A LOCAL WARLORD... JUN KUN... WHO WOULD BE MY TICKET TO A SWIFT RISE TO POWER."



DID HE BECOME YOUR IRON KING? HOW DID YOU COME TO SERVE MY UNCLE AS THE REGIONAL SUB-BOSS?

TUT-TUT, MY LITTLE SNIVES. IT'S LATE, AND I'M TIRED.



I WILL TELL YOU THE REST ANOTHER NIGHT.

COME BACK NEXT MONTH WHEN WE DISCOVER THE POWER THE IRON QUEEN HOLDS OVER MONKEY KHAN IN "HEAVY IS THE HEAD." AND THERE'S PANIC IN THE SKY FOR KNUCKLES IN "FRIEND IN DEED." SEE YOU THEN!

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Dear Sonic Grams,
Hi! I have a few questions, but first I have to say you guys rock! OK, questions:

Thanks! Bring 'em on!

1) What was your inspiration for "Night of a Thousand Sonics?"

The story's title is inspired by the 1,001 Arabian Nights, while the multiverse was inspired by the sci-fi notion of multiple realities.

2) Is Snively "Colin" or "Colin Jr.?"

He was born "Colin Kintobor Jr." but has since changed his name to "Snively Robotnik."

3) Why is Scourge green?

It's a side effect from his mutation from the Master Emerald.

4) What was your inspiration for Scourge's name?

We wanted something wicked sounding, but fit with the S-name theme. (Sonic, Shadow, Silver, etc.)

5) By "Dr. Nega" does Zonic mean Eggman Nega?

There seem to be a few clues pointing that way!

6) Will you have more of Silver the Hedgehog?

We sure will! Check out Sonic Universe #5!

7) Will Silver have a mini-series?

No plans for that right now.

8) Are you going to make any other game adaptations?

We just might! Stay tuned!

Say "hi" to Sonic, Tails and Knuckles for me!

Andrew V. Catasqua, PA

They say "hi" right back!

Dear Sonic Grams,
I have tried three times to get a letter into Sonic the Hedgehog.

Third time's the charm!

But when I read Sonic Universe #1 there were no fan letters. So I thought this was my chance.

This is the best comic ever!

Thanks to readers like you, we now have enough fan-mail for both books! You're the best FANS ever!

Also, is that flashback Blaze had a thing from the game "Sonic Rush?" Well, that's all I have to ask.

**Your friend,
Dylan D.
Beach Island, SC**

Yup, Sonic Universe #1 covered the high points of "Sonic Rush" and "Sonic Rush Adventure," both for your Nintendo DS.

Dear Sonic Grams,
My name is Stephan. I'm fourteen years old and I like your comics (new or old). I have a little brother who likes Sonic the Hedgehog as well. Now I have a question: why is Sonic's dad a robot?

His dad was turned into a robot in an effort to save his life. For now he has to remain a "robian" to survive.

And we're out of room! Keep writing in!

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GUESS WHO'S BACK, SUGAH?
ON SALE THE WEEK OF 8/24/09

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